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PARAGRAPHS BELOW ARE KEYED TO CORRESPONDING PARAS REFTEL.

PARA 1. THE SAME MC 55/2 RATING COULD APPLY TO THE 1974-78 PERIOD TO THE EXTENT THAT READINESS AND AVAILABILITY CAN BE PREDICTED INTO THE FUTURE. THE WARTIME AUTHORIZED STRENGTH AND PLANNED PEACE TIME STRENGTH FOR MAJOR COMBAT, M-DAY AND STRATEGIC RESERVE UNITS IS PROVIDED IN SERIAL 6 AND 7 OF TABLE 1 TO THE ARMY SECTION OF DPQ-73. THE END 1972 MC 55/2 RATING FOR M-DAY AND STRATEGIC RESERVE UNITS WAS NOT APPLIED BECAUSE THE DPQ WAS PREPARED AS OF MID 1973
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AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF A READINESS AND AVAILABILITY STATUS

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FOR A PAST TIME PERIOD APPEARED REDUNDANT. HOWEVER, WAR-
TIME AUTHORIZED STRENGTH AND ACTUAL PEACE TIME STRENGTH FOR
END 1972 IS PROVIDED IN TABLE 1 TO THE ARMY SECTION OF
DPQ-73.

PARA 2. WHEN THE UNIT REPORTS READINESS AND AVAILABILITY
STATUS UNDER US READINESS STANDARDS UPON COMPLETION OF
ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING, MC 55/2 STATUS WILL BE REPORTED.
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REPORT AN MC 55/2 STATUS TO NATO

UNTIL THE US COMMANDER REPORTS READINESS AND AVAILABILITY
UNDER THE US SYSTEM. AS INDICATED IN DPQ-73, AND FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES THIS UNIT IS SCHEDULED TO BECOME OPER-
ATIONAL IN JANUARY 1974.

PARA 3. THE US DID NOT DECLARE MC 55/2 STATUS FOR
NATIONAL COMMAND 2D ECHELON FORCES IN DPQ-73. HOWEVER,
TABLE A (DPQ-73) ADDENDUM 11 PROVIDES NATO WITH AVAIL-
ABILITY GUIDELINE DATA FOR FORCES THAT ARE CONSIDERED A
POTENTIAL SOURCE OF REINFORCEMENT FOR SACEUR. SACEUR'S
LAND ORBAT CONTAINS THIS INFORMATION. FUTURE DPQ SUBMIS-
SIONS WILL SHOW THIS DATA AS REFLECTED IN SACEUR'S ORBAT.

PARA 4. RATING OF A-4 IS APPROPRIATE.

PARA 5. ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT.

PARA 6. THE CONSOLIDATED LISTING OF CRUISERS AND
GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATES IN DPQ(73) REFLECTS CURRENT US
NAVY ANTI-AIR WARFARE DOCTRINE WHICH INTERCHANGEABLY
EMPLOYS CRUISERS AND DLGS BASED ON THEIR COMPARABLE AAW
CAPABILITIES. SEPARATE LISTINGS OF CRUISERS AND DLGS
WOULD REDUCE DEPLOYMENT FLEXIBILITY; THEREFORE, THE US
PREFERS NOT TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE TOTAL FOR DLGS.

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